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Subject; OPEN LETTER TO U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT [Ashcroft and Patriot a threat to the USA's safety]

August 29, 2003

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

On August 19, 2003 you announced that repealing the USA PATRIOT Act, which you claim boosts law enforcement's ability to investigate terrorism, would endanger Americans.

You stated "*to abandon this tool would disconnect the dots, risk American lives, sacrifice liberty and reject September 11's lessons.*"

You announced a national campaign to defend the act and your plan to visit more than a dozen cities, but you would not held public forums. Your speeches will be choreographed tightly before law enforcement officials only. You are quoted as stating "*If we knew then what we know now, we would have passed the Patriot Act six months prior to September 11 for Congress to have done less would have been a failure of government's basic responsibility... to preserve life and liberty.*"

As a retired Senior Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Memphis, Dallas and Los Angeles divisions, I am compelled to distribute the enclosed January 7, 2003 report that contains information furnished to me by Mr. Michael Riconosciuto on January 3, 4 and 5, 2003. This report was sent to your office on January 28, 2003. I am now distributing it to the Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, city councils and the news media in the cities that have been or will be visited by you in the next few days, according to your published schedule.

Attached to this report is my ADDENDUM dated August 29, 2003, with several itemized exhibits.

In January 2003, I furnished this report to 155 senators and members of Congress, every committee on the hill, Mr. Lee Hamilton, cochairman of the President's 9-11 committee and numerous members of the executive branch of the United States (U.S.) government. President Bush was furnished a copy last April.

To summarize, in January 2001, eight months prior to 9-11, Mr. Michael Riconosciuto, who has been a U.S. intelligence agent for years, developed information about imminent terrorist attacks against the United States. On March 20, 2001 he furnished FBI Special Agent (SA) Keith Cutri of the FBI's Williams- port, PA Resident Agency the identity of an individual in Patterson, NJ who:

- Was coordinating forthcoming terrorist attacks on the United States.

- Had information on the movement of Soviet-made shoulder-fired missiles into the United States.

- Was coordinating forthcoming skyjackings.
- Was coordinating bombings and espionage.
- Knew the identities of “sleepers” in the United States and overseas.

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Certified NYS Police Officer Certified NYS Police Officer Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy Issued Jul 1994
Pilot - Fixed Wing Aircraft Pilot - Fixed Wing Aircraft Federal Aviation Administration Federal Aviation Administration Issued Sep 1998
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FBI Defensive Tactics Instructor FBI Defensive Tactics Instructor Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Issued Jun 2001
FBI Bomb Tech FBI Bomb Tech Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Issued Jul 2002
FAA Certified Drone Pilot FAA Certified Drone Pilot Federal Aviation Administration Federal Aviation Administration Issued Jan 2017

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Mr. Riconosciuto also furnished information that 6 planes were to be hijacked by 30 terrorists, and the targets, other than those hit on September 11, 2001, were the Capitol Building, the Statue of Liberty and the White House. He also furnished information about a false identification ring in Montreal, Canada and New Jersey, and advised that he could furnish the true names and false identities of the 30 terrorists who had been chosen for actions inside the United States, if he and his contacts were given immunity.

(Redactions beginning on page 2 of the enclosed January 7, 2003 report are for protection of Mr. Riconosciuto's confidential source and his allies. You have a copy of the uncensored report.)